



**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL  
MIDDLETOWN CONNECTICUT  
MARCH 2, 2015**

**Regular Meeting**

The Regular Meeting of the Common Council was held in the Council Chamber of the Municipal Building on Monday, March 2, 2015 at 7 p.m.

**Present:**

Deputy Mayor Robert P. Santangelo, Councilman Thomas J. Serra, Councilwoman Hope P. Kasper, Councilman Grady L. Faulkner, Jr., Councilman Carl R. Chisem, Councilman Gerald E. Daley, Councilman James Streeto, Councilman Sebastian N. Giuliano, Councilwoman Deborah A. Kleckowski, Councilwoman Sandra Russo Driska, Councilman David Bauer, Corporation Counsel Daniel B. Ryan, Council Clerk Marie Norwood and Sergeant-at-arms Officer Ortiz.

**Absent:**

Mayor Daniel T. Drew and Councilwoman Mary A. Bartolotta.

**Also Present:**

Thirty Members of the public.

**1. Mayor calls meeting to order at 7 p.m.**

A. (Pledge of Allegiance)

The Acting Chair calls the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance is recited.

B. (Council Clerk Reads the Call of the Meeting and Mayor declares call a legal call and meeting a legal meeting.)

The Acting Chair declares the call a legal call and the meeting a legal meeting.

**2. Accept/Amend the Agenda.**

Councilman Thomas J. Serra reads and moves for approval accepting the agenda . Councilwoman Hope P. Kasper seconds the motion. The chair calls for the vote. It is 11 aye votes by Councilman Thomas J. Serra, Councilwoman Hope P. Kasper, Councilman Robert P. Santangelo, Councilman Grady L. Faulkner, Jr., Councilman Carl R. Chisem, Councilman Gerald E. Daley, Councilman James Streeto, Councilman Sebastian N. Giuliano, Councilwoman Deborah A. Kleckowski, Councilwoman Sandra Russo Driska, Councilman David Bauer; 0 nay votes by no one and 1 absent by Councilwoman Mary A. Bartolotta. The Chair states the matter carried with 11 affirmative votes, 0 in opposition and 1 absent.

**3. Presentations**

C. Honoring Ernest Butts on his 90th Birthday.

**Resolution No. 26-15**

**File Name ccebutts90thbd**

**(Approved)**

**WHEREAS**, Ernest Butts was born on March 5, 1925 in Milledgeville, Georgia; he has been a Middletown Resident for over 53 years, residing in the north end where as early as 1994 he was nicknamed the "Mayor of the North End"; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Butts is a retired Veteran of World War II, worked at Middlesex Hospital, Wesleyan University, a radio disc jockey and photographer of memorable events in his community; a supporter of the local NAACP and was active in the North End Community Coalition, now NEAT; and

**WHEREAS**, until recently, he was a prominent figure on the streets of the north end, where he hoped to touch someone, change a life, or simply give good advice; he showed concern for the neighborhood because he understood the many problems his neighbors faced in the north end and felt the larger community was out of touch with their realities; and

**WHEREAS**, he always loves a good discussion on any subject from religion and politics to current events; he is known for his unusual hats, usually dyed in the colors of the African National Congress and his shirts with political messages; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Butts raised his family in Middletown and has many grand and great grandchildren who inspire him and who he has inspired to work and be active in their communities and who keep him 90 years young; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Butts is recognized as an Elder of his community, one who offers the much needed fatherly love that a lot of individuals may not have in their lives at this time.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIDDLETOWN:** That we congratulate Ernest Butts on his 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday on March 5, 2015; his quest for knowledge and his frustration for perfection has kept him active as a constructive agitator and motivator, proud of his people and his community; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That we recognize individuals who are the essence of community as a Most Valued Player in the City, one of its "Grown-ups" who tells it like it is solely for the love. Mr. Butts certainly fills that role in Middletown.

Fiscal Impact: None

Councilman Faulkner and Councilman Chisem are recognized by the Acting Chair; they ask the Butts Family to move to the podium. They read the resolution. Councilman Faulkner moves the resolution for approval and his motion is seconded by Councilman Serra. The Acting Chair states the motion is approved by acclamation if there are no objections. Councilman Faulkner states Mr. Butts, everyone knows him; he was a prominent figure on the north end. He is an equal opportunity agitator and motivator. He held the system accountable and challenged it. He does the same for the people he helps. One, we see publicly and one, works one on one with those individuals. His family is here today and he presents the resolution to them. Linda Brooks, oldest daughter states being raised by him, we were active in the community and we will push for equality for all. We will continue with that. Adeline, daughter, states in 1962 when civil rights were brewing and he came to Middletown as a black man and as a Muslim. Despite the hostility he suffered, she cannot remember in the 52 years where he turned away from what he was and said. He never backed down. He does deserve this and thanks the Council for this.

Councilman Serra states he remembers when he was in office in 1994; he happened to be Mayor and Mr. Butts praised and constructively criticized. He came to my office and he used to meet him in the north end and he would give his opinion and he helped at the time in taking care of the problems in the north end by advising us and the Police. He congratulates him on this birthday.

#### B. Honoring John Geary, Person of the Year

##### **Resolution No. 27-15**

**File Name ccjohngearypersonofyear2015**

**(Approved)**

**WHEREAS**, John Geary, Middletown History Teacher at Woodrow Middle School was nominated and chosen as the Middletown Press Person Of The Year for 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, John was nominated by fellow instructor, Athletic Director Deborah Petruzzello who has worked and observed first hand John's work with the Woodrow Wilson Middle School students; and

**WHEREAS**, John is the Student Counsel Advisor where the students learn to run their own meetings using Robert's Rules of Order to run meetings, learn to communicate with their fellow students about the work done by the Student Counsel as well as participating in the Mayor for a Day Program where students step into the shoes of City leaders for a day; and

**WHEREAS**, he has been the Boy's Basketball Coach for many years; many of his former students coach teams in surrounding towns and keep in touch with their former coach; he is a mentor as well as teacher in the school and many former students still communicate with him; and

**WHEREAS**, John is founder and advisor of the Pride Patrol at Woodrow Wilson, a program to promote recognizing bullying behavior and to become an "upstander" and not a bystander for other students in the school; this program has 500 members and is recognized by the State of Connecticut; and as a culmination of the Pride Patrol program last June, where the Patrol members worked with the Farm Hill School students, the schools were linked by a paper chain made by the students to show their stand against bullying, and to show their pride in themselves and others; and

**WHEREAS**, he created the Woodrow Wilson Garden Club to beautify the school's courtyard as well as the entrances to the school; and

**WHEREAS**, John has taught for over 38 years, helping young people reach their potential as well as becoming involved with their school community; he works to promote a positive atmosphere in his classroom and in the school.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIDDLETOWN:** That we congratulate John Geary as the Middletown Press Person of the Year; his mentoring has lead to more kindness and compassion at Woodrow Wilson; he has nurtured young people to respect themselves and others, helping them to see the best in themselves and others; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That we recognize the need for more individuals who care for the future leaders of Middletown, to help them believe in community and the need to work together to create a community of considerate, concerned and compassionate people.

Councilwoman Kleckowski asks Mr. Geary to come to the podium. She reads the resolution honoring him as the Person of the Year. She moves it for approval and Councilman Serra seconds the motion. The Acting Chair states the matter is approved by acclamation if there is no objection.

Councilwoman Kleckowski states Mr. Geary came to Woodrow Wilson Middle school during her 8th grade and she was thinking back about being on Student Council and I have never known my community without knowing Mr. Geary. Teachers are forgotten heroes and Mr. Geary is a consummate professional and a consummate human being showing understanding and being considerate. There is no greater gift than what Mr. Geary has done for many of his students. She is proud to stand as a former student and recognizing him for his professionalism and a great all around guy and making our community a better community. Thank you.

Councilman Serra states John Geary has touched thousands of students and in 1994 when the Mayor for a day program was defunct, he took it from the high school to the middle school and has taken it upon himself to have them learn to govern. He touched his sons; he was a mentor in baseball and basketball. His son does a few of the things he was taught by Mr. Geary while he is coaching in Portland High School. His son was named the 2015 Shoreline Coach of the year and he mentions John Geary as the foundation he was given in 7th and 8th grade.

Councilwoman Russo Driska states he doesn't like to be recognized publicly and she got to know him through former Mayor, Michael Cubeta. She received a call from him when she was first appointed as Town Clerk about keeping young people voting during elections. She congratulates him. You deserve this.

The Acting Chair states the last couple of years he came to your project pride and I was so impressed. The Pride program does a lot for the kids in the building and sharing community. It is fantastic and the number of kids involved is phenomenal. Please keep up the good work; you deserve this.

Mr. Geary states he is honored. I don't like the limelight and I like to promote those around me and we have the privilege of working with the young men and women and the first time the middle schoolers came in and they used the gavel and they know what they are doing. With the City leadership and the Council, the students coming through the student council will give back to the City. When he was hired he was hired by Dean Soll and he asked me my first year to sit in on some interviews of newly hired teachers. Watching teachers frantically taking notes and Dean sat there and never wrote down anything. How can you judge a candidate without their answers. He said I listened to every question and listened to every answer. I wanted to know if they liked kids; I can teach them to teach, but they have to like kids. If I am teaching a child that excels on paper, that is great, but what is he like as a person and that is what we do as educators to give back. Thank you for the honor.

Councilman Giuliano states you made points I wanted to address and the proof of anything is in the result and we have all interacted with students in your charge from Woodrow Wilson and we continue to do so and those will be the ones to take our places, I am not worried. They are great students and marvelous people. That came from you; continue what you are doing.

#### A. Honoring the Xavier Football Team

##### **Resolution No. 28-15**

**File Name** ccxavierresolution 2014forfebruary2015

**(Approved)**

**WHEREAS**, Xavier High School won the CIAC Class LL Championship, beating undefeated Shelton 28-27 in overtime before a crowded stadium and after losing to them in the regular season; and

**WHEREAS**, the Xavier Football Team won its' fourth Class LL Championship Title in five years; and

**WHEREAS**, the Falcons beat undefeated Norwich Free Academy 48 to 14 in 2012 and undefeated Staples of Westport with a score of 42 to 7 in 2011 and undefeated Trumbull 24 to 13 in 2010; and

**WHEREAS**, the Falcons finished their season with 9 wins and 3 losses; and

**WHEREAS**, Coach Sean Marinan along with coaching staff, Andy Guyon, Greg Jaskot, Raj Jaswal, Joe Lentini, Ed Bartolotta, Dave Jedian, Dick Nobile, Bob Guyon, and Gerry O'Rourke coached their team in championship play both on and off the field, bringing out the best in each player at every game including their fifth State Title; and

**WHEREAS**, Xavier Falcons Football Team Domenic Dedomenico (captain), Michael Scherer(captain), John Sullivan (captain), John Almquist, Robert Baldo, Chidi Broderick, Troy Christian, Joe Depaolo-Boisvert, Jake Dobos, Shorney Douet, Ted Duarte, Andrew Griglun, Tanner Kern, Connor Kuziak, Eric Lee, Edwin Luster, Kaleb Lutton, Paul Marinan, Colin Morris, Ricky Murphy, Michael O'Rourke, Mitchell Rodd, Ian Scott, Cole Thorburn, Andrew Verre, Robert Bascetta, Anthony Bisio, Anthony Caramanica, Ben Costello, Will Gilnack, Austin Hurwitz, Geoffrey Lavy, Kevin Lawrence, Robert Little, Spencer McManus, Jarod Perry, John Sadak, Jonathan Wintenburg, Alex Bates, Alec Cottiero, Glenn Cunningham, Christian Fragoso, Joseph Galatie, Owen Gonzalez, Nikolus Kvietkus, Peter Leff, Ryan Marks, Collin McCarthy, Patrick McKenna, Eric Morin, Dominick Reynolds, David Rooney, Parker Rowley, Luke Schoonmaker, Nathan Snyder, Azim Waters and Matthew Wzykowski will be remembered for their extraordinary play during the 2014 Football Season.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIDDLETOWN:** That we congratulate the Xavier Falcon Football Team for their a successful season culminating in the title of Class LL Champions

for its fourth title in five years, an achievement not seen in High School Football; the team and its coaches have shown that practice, expectations, and teamwork along with team spirit can help attain your goals; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That we extend our best wishes from Middletown Citizens to the Players, Cheerleaders, the Student Body for continued success on the playing field and in the classroom.

Councilman Daley states we expected the football team to be here; he reads the original resolution planned for last month and was postponed due to the meeting postponed due to snow. He moves it for approval and is seconded by Councilman Giuliano.

Councilman Daley states he greatly enjoys watching Xavier football starting with Larry McHugh and now Sean Marinan is following in his footsteps and we will get this to the school. The Acting Chair states this is approved by acclamation without objection. There are none.

**4. Mayor requests motion to approve minutes of:**

The minutes having been deposited with the Mayor and Corporation Counsel and copies of the same having been served on each and every Council member, the reading of the same having been dispensed with, the Chair requests a motion to approve the minutes.

Councilman Sebastian N. Giuliano moves for approval the regular minutes of February 3, 2015 at 7 p.m. Councilwoman Deborah A. Kleckowski seconds the motion. The chair calls for the vote. It is 10 aye votes by Councilman Thomas J. Serra, Councilwoman Hope P. Kasper, Councilman Grady L. Faulkner, Jr., Councilman Carl R. Chisem, Councilman Gerald E. Daley, Councilman James Streeto, Councilman Sebastian N. Giuliano, Councilwoman Deborah A. Kleckowski, Councilwoman Sandra Russo Driska; 0 nay votes by no one and 1 absent by Councilwoman Mary A. Bartolotta. The Chair states the matter carried with 10 affirmative votes, 0 in opposition and 1 absent.

Councilman Thomas J. Serra moves for approval the minutes for the special meeting of February 3, 2015 at 6 p.m. Councilman Sebastian N. Giuliano seconds the motion.

Councilman Bauer is recognized and states he is abstaining from the vote on both the minutes. The chair calls for the vote. It is 9 aye votes by Councilman Thomas J. Serra, Councilwoman Hope P. Kasper, Councilman Grady L. Faulkner, Jr., Councilman Carl R. Chisem, Councilman Gerald E. Daley, Councilman James Streeto, Councilman Sebastian N. Giuliano, Councilwoman Deborah A. Kleckowski, Councilwoman Sandra Russo Driska; 0 nay votes, one abstention by Councilman Bauer and 1 absent by Councilwoman Mary A. Bartolotta. The Chair states the matter carried with 9 affirmative votes, 0 in opposition, one abstention, and 1 absent.

**5. Public Hearing on Agenda Items Opens.**

The Acting Chair opens the public hearing at 7:31 p.m.

**6. Public Hearing on Agenda Items Closes.**

The Acting Chair, seeing no member of the public wishing to speak, closes the public hearing at 7:31 p.m.

**7. Mayor requests Council Clerk to read appropriation and bond ordinance requests and the Certificate of Director of Finance.**

There are no Appropriations or Bond Ordinances for this meeting.

**8. Department, Committee, Commission Reports and Grant Confirmation Approvals:**

**A. City Clerk's Certificate  
(Approved)**



City of Middletown  
 City & Town Clerk's Office  
 245 deKoven Drive  
 Middletown, CT 06457

**Certification**

I, Linda Bettencourt, City and Town Clerk of the City of Middletown and custodian of the records and seal thereof, hereby certify that all ordinances and appropriations passed and adopted at the regular meeting of the Common Council on February 3, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. and the special meeting on February 3, 2015 at 6:00 p.m., have been advertised in the local newspaper.

Dated at Middletown, Connecticut, this 27<sup>th</sup> day February, 2015.

Attest:

*Linda Bettencourt*  
 Linda Bettencourt  
 City & Town Clerk

❖ Phone (860) 638-4910      ❖ Fax (860) 638-1910      ❖ TDD (860) 638-4812

**B. Monthly Reports:  
 Finance Department - Transfer Report to  
 (Approved)**

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| Transfers of Funds - Operating Budget Accounts |                   |   |                           |                           |             |
|--|-------------------|---|---------------------------|---------------------------|-------------|
|  |                   |   | From                      | To                        |             |
|  |                   |   | Account No.               | Account No.               | Amount      |
| Date   | Department        | Budget Item                                       | From                      | To                        | Amount      |
|  |                   |   | FY 2014-2015              | To2/23/15                 |             |
| 01/30/15                                       | Fire              | Major Facility Repairs                            | 2040-50300-79833-x-x-2015 |                           | (3,000.00)  |
|  |                   | Computer & Technology Upgrades                    |                           | 2040-50300-79669-x-x-2015 | 3,000.00    |
| 01/30/15                                       | Recreation        | Salaries & Wages, PT Temp                         | 1000-32000-51220-0321     |                           | (5,000.00)  |
|  |                   | Misc Supplies                                     |                           | 1000-32000-53115-0321     | 5,000.00    |
| 02/02/15                                       | Health            | General Administrative                            | 1000-31000-52110          |                           | (2,500.00)  |
|  |                   | Overtime  |                           | 1000-31000-51340          | 2,500.00    |
| 02/06/15                                       | Fire              | Stipends  | 2010-50000-51371-0500     |                           | (53,000.00) |
|  |                   | Paid Holiday                                      |                           | 2010-50000-51980-0500     | 53,000.00   |
|  |                   | Salaries & Wages, FT Perm                         | 2010-50000-51110-0500     |                           | (70,000.00) |
|  |                   | Fill-Ins  |                           | 2010-50000-51971-0500     | 40,000.00   |
|  |                   | Overtime  |                           | 2010-50000-51340-0500     | 30,000.00   |
|  |                   | Prof Develop/Training                             | 2010-50000-51930-0500     |                           | (5,000.00)  |
|  |                   | Overtime  |                           | 2010-50000-51340-0500     | 5,000.00    |
| 02/12/15                                       | PW/Bldg           | General Administrative                            | 1000-22000-52110-0221     |                           | (500.00)    |
|  | PW/Engineering    | General Administrative                            | 1000-22000-52110-0223     |                           | (1,000.00)  |
|  | PW/Admn           | General Administrative                            |                           | 1000-22000-52110-0220     | 1,500.00    |
| 02/12/15                                       | PW/Highway        | Winter/Snow Overtime                              | 1000-22000-51360-0226     |                           | (5,000.00)  |
|  |                   | Miscellaneous Overtime                            |                           | 1000-22000-51333-0226     | 5,000.00    |
| 02/12/15                                       | PW/Garage         | General Vehicle Services                          | 1000-22000-53510-0225     |                           | (1,500.00)  |
|  | PW/Highway        | Towing  |                           | 1000-22000-53340-0226     | 1,500.00    |
| 02/12/15                                       | Library           | Staff Computers & Peripherals                     | 2070-07000-79675-x-x-2015 |                           | (177.88)    |
|  |                   | Large Format Printer/In-House Posters & Brochures |                           | 2070-07000-79683-x-x-2015 | 177.88      |
| 02/13/15                                       | Sewer             | Contingency Fund                                  | 2050-65000-57020          |                           | (5,000.00)  |
|  |                   | Repairs/Maintenance to Vehicles                   |                           | 2050-65000-53520          | 5,000.00    |
| 02/20/15                                       | Assessor          | Accounting & Auditing                             | 1000-10000-55110          |                           | (2,200.00)  |
|  |                   | Contractual Services                              |                           | 1000-10000-55185          | 2,200.00    |
| 02/20/15                                       | Water/Kleen Water | Contingency Fund                                  | 5011-60000-57020          |                           | (5,000.00)  |
|  |                   | Operating Expenses                                |                           | 5011-60000-53255          | 5,000.00    |

**C. Grant Confirmation and Approval - Board of Education, Various Grants (Approved)**

**CITY OF MIDDLETOWN**  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
MIDDLETOWN, CONNECTICUT 06457

**REQUEST FOR COMMON COUNCIL CONFIRMATION AND APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING GRANT**

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Grant Number:  Date of Request:

Name of Grant:

Amount Requested:  Code:

Grant Period: From:  To:  Rev Code

Type of Grant:  Amount Loaned from General Fund:

Department Administering Grant:

When any department, commission, office or agency is the recipient of any federal, state or other grant allocated for specific purposes, these funds shall be immediately transferred to the specific unit which has made application for such grant. Confirmation and approval of such transfer shall be given at the next regularly scheduled sessions of the Common Council. Notwithstanding any other Charter provision, the action of the Common Council in confirming and approving such transfer shall be an appropriation; no public hearing thereon shall be required and said funds may then be expended for the purposes for which they were granted.

**Description of services to be provided by this Grant:**

769 - Middletown Teen Theater \$8,356.00; 778 - Constellation New Energy \$1,415.29; 841 - SPED Medicaid \$6,371.42; 876 - Hartford Symphony Donations \$13,050.00; 894 - Swaim Strings Pgm \$7,530.00; 700 - Food Services \$328,774.66; 801 - Retirees/Cobra Ins \$179,929.44; 803 - Workers Comp \$2,744.82; 804 - Preschool Pgm Fees \$7,740.90; 805 - Summer School Receipts \$710.00; 809 - Maintenance/Rentals \$5,688.75; 821 - Student Gaurdian Bus Camera \$720.00; 823 - Central Office Receipts \$1,034.57; 833 - Adult Education Receipts \$9,880.00; 893 - Fingerprinting Receipts \$82.50; 895 - SPED Tuition Reimbursement \$78,005.63; 902 - Student Activities WWMS \$1,305.00. Total Special Programs through 1/16/15 10,965,613.79 ADDITIONS \$653,338.98 Total Speical Programs through 2/19/15 \$11,618,952.77.

Signature: 

Requested by:

Status:

Status Date:

**D. Grant Confirmation and Approval - Recreation and Community Services Activity Account (Approved)**

**CITY OF MIDDLETOWN**  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
MIDDLETOWN, CONNECTICUT 06457

**REQUEST FOR COMMON COUNCIL CONFIRMATION AND APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING GRANT**

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**Description of services to be provided by this Grant:**

To support Recreation and Community Services Department activities, supplies, wages, and busing

Signature: 

Requested by:

Status:

Status Date:

Councilman Thomas J. Serra reads and moves for approval Department, Committee, Commission Reports and Grant Confirmation Approvals. Councilman James Streeto seconds the motion. The chair calls for the vote. It is 10 aye votes by Councilman Thomas J. Serra, Councilwoman Hope P. Kasper, Councilman Grady L. Faulkner, Jr., Councilman Carl R. Chisem, Councilman Gerald E. Daley, Councilman James Streeto, Councilman Sebastian N. Giuliano, Councilwoman Deborah A. Kleckowski, Councilwoman Sandra Russo Driska, Councilman David Bauer; 0 nay votes by no one and 1 absent by Councilwoman Mary A. Bartolotta. The Chair states the matter carried with 10 affirmative votes, 0 in opposition and 1 absent.

**9. Payment of all City bills when properly approved.  
(Approved)**

Councilman Sebastian N. Giuliano reads and moves for approval 9. Payment of all City bills when properly approved. Councilman Thomas J. Serra seconds the motion. The chair calls for the vote. It is 10 aye votes by Councilman Thomas J. Serra, Councilwoman Hope P. Kasper, Councilman Grady L. Faulkner, Jr., Councilman Carl R. Chisem, Councilman Gerald E. Daley, Councilman James Streeto, Councilman Sebastian N. Giuliano, Councilwoman Deborah A. Kleckowski, Councilwoman Sandra Russo Driska, Councilman David Bauer; 0 nay votes by no one and 1 absent by Councilwoman Mary A. Bartolotta. The Chair states the matter carried with 11 affirmative votes, 0 in opposition and 1 absent.

**10. Resolutions, Ordinances, etc.:**

- A. Approving joining the Nutmeg Network; approving the city's application for the Regional Performance Incentive Program grants for shared service projects using the Nutmeg Network; and authorizing the Mayor to sign all agreements with the Office of Policy and Management for this program.**

**Resolution No. 29-15**

**File Name ITNutmegNetworkMayorAuthorization**

**(Approved)**

**Whereas**, the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) established a grant program to release \$4 million to connect municipal/regional central administrative facilities (e.g., Town Halls, COG Headquarters) to the Nutmeg Network, while also using remaining available funds to award Regional Performance Incentive Program (RPIP) grants for various shared services projects; and

**Whereas**, connecting to The Nutmeg Network can provide reliable, cost effective access to high speed internet and the ability to share applications between other municipal organizations across the network; and

**Whereas**, the Information Technology Department has submitted a notice of intent to apply for this grant to fund the capital cost of connecting Middletown's central administrative facility (Municipal Building) to the Nutmeg Network.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIDDLETOWN:** That the Common Council of the City of Middletown hereby endorses the City's application for the RPIP grant; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That Mayor Daniel T. Drew is hereby authorized to act on this endorsement by signing all necessary agreements and take all necessary actions related to this proposal to enter into a binding agreement with the Office of Policy and Management according to terms of the RPI grant program.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

There is not a cost to the City for submittal of this grant application. There could potentially be a benefit of \$18,000 to offset capital expenses for this project if the City is successful in receiving this grant.

Councilman Thomas J. Serra reads and moves for approval joining the Nutmeg Network; approving the city's application for the Regional Performance Incentive Program grants for shared service projects using the Nutmeg Network; and authorizing the Mayor to sign all agreements with the Office of Policy and Management for this program. Councilwoman Hope P. Kasper seconds the motion. The Acting chair calls for the vote. It is 10 aye votes by Councilman Thomas J. Serra, Councilwoman Hope P. Kasper, Councilman Grady L. Faulkner, Jr., Councilman Carl R. Chisem, Councilman Gerald E. Daley, Councilman James Streeto, Councilman Sebastian N. Giuliano, Councilwoman Deborah A. Kleckowski, Councilwoman Sandra Russo Driska, Councilman David Bauer; 0 nay votes by no one and 1 absent by Councilwoman Mary A. Bartolotta. The Acting chair states the matter carried with 10 affirmative votes, 0 in opposition and 1 absent.

- D. Approving authorizing the Mayor to apply for and execute a financial assistant agreement with the CT Department of Economic And Community Development pursuant to C.G.S. Chapter 588gg in the amount of \$350,000 to undertake remediation of 645 Main Street.**

**Resolution No. 30-15****File Name** pcd\_645MainSt\_DECDBrownfieldGrant**(Approved)**

WHEREAS, pursuant to C.G.S. Chapter 588gg, the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development is authorized to extend financial assistance for economic development projects; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest that the City of Middletown make an application to the State for \$350,000 in order to undertake the remediation of 645 Main Street, Middletown, CT and to execute an Assistance Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL

1. That it is cognizant of the conditions and prerequisites for the state financial assistance imposed by C.G.S. Chapter 588gg.

2. That the filing of an application for State financial assistance by the City of Middletown in an amount not to exceed \$350,000 is hereby approved and that Mayor Daniel Drew is directed to execute and file such application with the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development, to provide such additional information, to execute such other documents as may be required, to execute an Assistance Agreement with the State of Connecticut for State financial assistance if such an agreement is offered, to execute any amendments, decisions, and revisions thereto, and to act as the authorized representative of the City of Middletown.

3. That it adopts or has adopted as its policy to support the following nondiscrimination agreements and warranties provided in subsection (a)(1) of Connecticut General Statutes sections 4a-60 and 4a-60a, respectively, as amended by Public Acts 07-142 and 07-245, and for which purposes the "contractor" is The City of Middletown and "contract" is said Assistance Agreement:

The contractor agrees and warrants that in the performance of the contract such contractor will not discriminate or permit discrimination against any person or group of persons on the grounds of race, color, religious creed, age, marital status, national origin, ancestry, sex, mental retardation or physical disability, including, but not limited to, blindness, unless it is shown by such contractor that such disability prevents performance of the work involved, in any manner prohibited by the laws of the United States or of the state of Connecticut. The contractor further agrees to take affirmative action to insure that applicants with job-related qualifications are employed and that employees are treated when employed without regard to their race, color, religious creed, age, marital status, national origin, ancestry, sex, mental retardation, or physical disability, including, but not limited to, blindness, unless it is shown by such contractor that such disability prevents performance of the work involved.

The contractor agrees and warrants that in the performance of the contract such contractor will not discriminate or permit discrimination against any person or group of persons on the grounds of sexual orientation, in any manner prohibited by the laws of the United States or of the state of Connecticut, and that employees are treated when employed without regard to their sexual orientation.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT** – The grant is for \$350,000 to complete the clean up of 645 Main Street.

Councilman Grady L. Faulkner, Jr. reads and moves for approval authorizing the Mayor to apply for and execute a financial assistant agreement with the CT Department of Economic And Community Development pursuant to C.G.S. Chapter 588gg in the amount of \$350,000 to undertake remediation of 645 Main Street. Councilman Thomas J. Serra seconds the motion. The Acting chair calls for the vote. It is 10 aye votes by Councilman Thomas J. Serra, Councilwoman Hope P. Kasper, Councilman Grady L. Faulkner, Jr., Councilman Carl R. Chisem, Councilman Gerald E. Daley, Councilman James Streeto, Councilman Sebastian N. Giuliano, Councilwoman Deborah A. Kleckowski, Councilwoman Sandra Russo Driska, Councilman David Bauer; 0 nay votes by no one and 1 absent by Councilwoman Mary A. Bartolotta. The Acting chair states the matter carried with 10 affirmative votes, 0 in opposition and 1 absent.

**C. Authorizing the purchase of a 2015 Ford Fusion for the Health Department in the amount of \$17,672 to replace their 2001 Dodge Intrepid and approving using the Miscellaneous CNR funds to pay for the purchase.**

**Resolution No. 31-15****File Name** hevehicleHealth2015**(Approved)**

WHEREAS, the Health Department has a 2001 Dodge Intrepid car that is still in use; and

WHEREAS, repairs to the 2001 Dodge Intrepid totaled over \$4,000 in the past 3 years; upcoming repairs and maintenance to 2001 Dodge Intrepid are projected to be approximately \$2,000 to \$3,000; and

WHEREAS, the funds used to purchase the new 2015 Ford Fusion will come from Miscellaneous CNR.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIDDLETOWN: That \$17,672 of the FY14/15 Miscellaneous CNR be used by the Health Department to purchase a new 2015 Ford Fusion

Fiscal Impact: There is no impact on the general fund budget the impact is in Miscellaneous CNR where \$17,672 will be used to purchase the car.

Councilman James Streeto reads and moves for approval the purchase of a 2015 Ford Fusion for the Health Department in the amount of \$17,672 to replace their 2001 Dodge Intrepid and approving using the Miscellaneous CNR funds to pay for the purchase. Councilwoman Hope P. Kasper seconds the motion. The Acting chair calls for the vote. It is 10 aye votes by Councilman Thomas J. Serra, Councilwoman Hope P. Kasper, Councilman Grady L. Faulkner, Jr., Councilman Carl R. Chisem, Councilman Gerald E. Daley, Councilman James Streeto,

Councilman Sebastian N. Giuliano, Councilwoman Deborah A. Kleckowski, Councilwoman Sandra Russo Driska, Councilman David Bauer; 0 nay votes by no one and 1 absent by Councilwoman Mary A. Bartolotta. The Acting chair states the matter carried with 10 affirmative votes, 0 in opposition and 1 absent.

- D. Approving the transfer of \$20,000 from the Parking Department Consultant Services line item 1000-18500-55185 to the Public Works Department Contractual Services line item 1000-22000-55185 in the amount of \$20,000 for immediate repairs at Riverview Center Walkway drainage problems and that these dollars will not be counted against the Parking Department when actual expenses for the fiscal year are calculated.**

**Resolution No. 32-15**

**File Name pkPrimeAEPaymentTransfer  
(Approved)**

**Whereas**, the Public Works Department was requested by the Legal Office and Mayor's Office to seek the best Riverview Walkway water drainage solution in an effort to address a recent legal claim by the owner of the Riverview Center focused on extensive corrosion and decay of the Riverview lower levels and steel structures due to water runoff and;

**Whereas**, Public Works Department and Fire Department water tested the site and conducted test borings on the site and worked with Prime AE of Rocky Hill to obtain the true scope of the issue and to obtain a quote for an immediate solution until such time a new walkway can be built when the new Municipal Garage is built and;

**Whereas**, no source of funding for these immediate repairs were available and the Parking Department was approached to seek some level of funding to assist with the project's \$18000 external estimated price and;

**Whereas**, the Parking Department Operational FY2015 Line 1000 18500 55185 did have the funding to support this work and the director agreed to transfer the funds to an appropriate Public Works Operational FY2015 Line 1000-22000-55185 to support a common City solution and need;

**Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved by the Common Council of the City of Middletown:** In an effort to fund this immediate project, \$18,000 be transferred from the Parking Department Contractual Services Line 1000 18500 55185 to the appropriate Public Works Contractual Services Line 1000-22000-55185 and that any cost of this project will not, for expense reimbursement purposes at the end of the fiscal year, be counted against the Parking Department when Parking Department's "actual expenses" for the fiscal year are calculated.

**Fiscal Impact:**

Transfer of \$18,000 funds from Parking Department 1000 18500 55185 to Public Works 1000-22000-55185.

Councilwoman Hope P. Kasper reads and moves for approval the transfer of \$20,000 from the Parking Department Consultant Services line item 1000-18500-55185 to the Public Works Department Contractual Services line item 1000-22000-55185 in the amount of \$20,000 for immediate repairs at Riverview Center Walkway drainage problems and that these dollars will not be counted against the Parking Department when actual expenses for the fiscal year are calculated. Councilman Grady L. Faulkner, Jr. seconds the motion.

Councilman Giuliano will support this but is troubled for dipping into the Parking Department for the Public Works Department. it is important to keep the integrity of department budgets and wishes we didn't have to do it this way.

The Acting chair calls for the vote. It is 9 aye votes by Councilman Thomas J. Serra, Councilwoman Hope P. Kasper, Councilman Robert P. Santangelo, Councilman Grady L. Faulkner, Jr., Councilman Carl R. Chisem, Councilman Gerald E. Daley, Councilman James Streeto, Councilman Sebastian N. Giuliano, Councilwoman Deborah A. Kleckowski, Councilwoman Sandra Russo Driska; 1 nay votes by Councilman David Bauer and 1 absent by Councilwoman Mary A. Bartolotta. The Acting chair states the matter carried with 9 affirmative votes, 1 in opposition and 1 absent.

- E. Approving endorsing the endorsing the Regional Performance Incentive Programs funding for the Regional Parcel Update Municipal Coordination and Inland Wetland Layer Project, the Lower CT River Region River COG Tourism and Transit Study and Marketing Plan and the State-Regional Cooperative Aerial Flyover and Lidar Data Project and authorizing the Mayor, as the Chief Executive Officer of the City to sign and submit any documentation or agreements to allow the Lower Connecticut River Council of Governments to apply and receive said grants.**

**Resolution No. 33-15**

**File Name PCD\_RiverCOG\_RPIP\_March2015  
(Approved)**

**WHEREAS**, Middletown is a member of the Lower Connecticut River Valley Council of Governments;

**WHEREAS**, the Connecticut Office of Policy and Management makes grants available to encourage municipalities to cooperate and collaborate on a regional basis through its Regional Performance Incentive Program (RPIP);

**WHEREAS**, the Lower Connecticut River Valley Council of Governments has submitted three proposals in the current round of funding and these proposals need approval by governing body of each member in order to constitute a complete application.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIDDLETOWN:**

That the Mayor, as Chief Executive Officer of the City of Middletown, is hereby authorized to sign and submit any agreement or documentation to allow the Lower Connecticut River Council of Governments to apply and receive the Regional Performance Incentive Programs funding for following three proposals:

1. Regional Parcel Update Municipal Coordination and Inland Wetland Layer Project
2. The Lower CT River Region RiverCOG Tourism and Transit Study and Marketing Plan
3. State-Regional Cooperative Aerial Flyover and Lidar Data Project

**FINANCIAL IMPACT** – This project will be administered through the Lower Connecticut River Valley Council of Governments. No impact on Middletown's budget. Middletown will benefit if the projects are funded.

Councilman Carl R. Chisem reads and moves for approval endorsing the Regional Performance Incentive Programs funding for the Regional Parcel Update Municipal Coordination and Inland Wetland Layer Project, the Lower CT River Region River COG Tourism and Transit Study and Marketing Plan and the State-Regional Cooperative Aerial Flyover and Lidar Data Project and authorizing the Mayor, as the Chief Executive Officer of the City to sign and submit any documentation or agreements to allow the Lower Connecticut River Council of Governments to apply and receive said grants. Councilwoman Deborah A. Kleckowski seconds the motion. The Acting chair calls for the vote. It is 10 aye votes by Councilman Thomas J. Serra, Councilwoman Hope P. Kasper, Councilman Grady L. Faulkner, Jr., Councilman Carl R. Chisem, Councilman Gerald E. Daley, Councilman James Streeto, Councilman Sebastian N. Giuliano, Councilwoman Deborah A. Kleckowski, Councilwoman Sandra Russo Driska, Councilman David Bauer; 0 nay votes by no one and 1 absent by Councilwoman Mary A. Bartolotta. The Acting chair states the matter carried with 10 affirmative votes, 0 in opposition and 1 absent.

**11. Mayor's Appointments.  
(Approved)**

**Mattabasset District Board:**

Reappointment of Joseph Samolis to March 3, 2018.

**Affirmative Action Monitoring Committee:**

Appointment of Alisha Moody to April 30, 2017.

The Acting chair reads the appointments and asks for a motion to approve.

Councilman Carl R. Chisem reads and moves for approval the Mayor's Appointments. Councilman James Streeto seconds the motion. The Acting chair calls for the vote. It is 10 aye votes by Councilman Thomas J. Serra, Councilwoman Hope P. Kasper, Councilman Grady L. Faulkner, Jr., Councilman Carl R. Chisem, Councilman Gerald E. Daley, Councilman James Streeto, Councilman Sebastian N. Giuliano, Councilwoman Deborah A. Kleckowski, Councilwoman Sandra Russo Driska, Councilman David Bauer; 0 nay votes by no one and 1 absent by Councilwoman Mary A. Bartolotta. The Acting chair states the matter carried with 10 affirmative votes, 0 in opposition and 1 absent.

**12. Contingency Fund Transfers (None)**

The Acting chair states there are no Contingency Fund transfers.

**13. Meeting adjourned.**

Councilman Thomas J. Serra moves to adjourn Councilman Sebastian N. Giuliano seconds the motion. The Acting chair calls for the vote. It is 10 aye votes by Councilman Thomas J. Serra, Councilwoman Hope P. Kasper, Councilman Grady L. Faulkner, Jr., Councilman Carl R. Chisem, Councilman Gerald E. Daley, Councilman James Streeto, Councilman Sebastian N. Giuliano, Councilwoman Deborah A. Kleckowski, Councilwoman Sandra Russo Driska, Councilman David Bauer; 0 nay votes by no one and 1 absent by Councilwoman Mary A. Bartolotta. The Acting chair states the matter carried with 10 affirmative votes, 0 in opposition and 1 absent. The Chair declares the meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

ATTEST:

MARIE O. NORWOOD  
COMMON COUNCIL CLERK